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PARIS FOR UNESCO

1. SCICOUNS DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF REFTEL WITH A. R. BOYD, DIRECTOR OF SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION POLICY DIVISION OF EXTAFF ON 14 AUGUST 1978.
2. BOYD SAID THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOC TOWARD MINESPOL II IS THE SAME AS THAT OF THE U.S. AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REFTEL.
3. THE GOC IS ADOPTING A "LOW-PROFILE" APPROACH TO THE CONFERENCE AND HAS REJECTED THE IDEA OF SENDING A MINISTER-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE AS REQUESTED BY GOC'S AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO.
4. THE CANADIAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY YVON BEAULNE, AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO, AND DR. ELWYN HUGHES,
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SCIENCE ADVISOR AT THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (NRC) IN OTTAWA, WILL PARTICIPATE. (HUGHES ATTENDED THE JULY MEETING OF EXPERTS.)

5. A MEETING IS BEING HELD THIS WEEK IN OTTAWA FOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM MOSST, NRC AND EXTAFF (BOYD) TO BRIEF BEAULNE, BUT THERE WILL BE NO DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

TO THE GOC DELEGATION, ACCORDING TO BOYD.

6. CANADA HAS SUBMITTED A NATIONAL PAPER IN PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING. HOWEVER, THE GOC STILL QUESTIONS THE SCIENTIFIC VALUE OF THE CONFERENCE AS A WHOLE.

7. DR. HUGHES HAS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN TO EXTAF THAT THE WESTERN COUNTRIES APPEAR TO SHOW A LACK OF PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE, AS COMPARED TO "OUR EASTERN FRIENDS".

8. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR FROM BOYD'S COMMENTS THAT ALTHOUGH CANADA HAS SUBMITTED A PAPER AND WILL PARTICIPATE, THEY WANT TO PLAY IT "LOW KEY" AND ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING THE CONFERENCE PROVIDE A FORUM FOR POLITICAL SPEECHES ON S&T COOPERATION.
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